

STATE LEAGUE OPENS

Richmond Shuts Out Danville by 8 to 0.

SIX THOUSAND SEE THE GAME

Cassidy Holds Visitors to Scattered Hits, While Lawmakers Hammer One of Connie Mack's Recruits for Nine Time Bingles.

"Dutch" Sterner to Pitch To-day.

Richmond, Va., April 18.—The Richmond Lawmakers opened the Virginia State League season here this afternoon by scoring a signal defeat over Danville in an interesting game by 8 to 0.

Cassidy, one of last year's standbys for the locals, let down the losers with three scattered hits, while Rube Howard, who was tried out by Connie Mack, of the Philadelphia Athletics, this year, was touched up for nine time bingles.

Aside from the pitching of Cassidy the batting of Titman, for the same team, was the feature. He got three singles out of five times up. Over 6,000 people witnessed the contest. "Dutch" Sterner, a Washington boy, will pitch to-morrow's game against Richmond. Score:

Richmond.....1 0 3 3 1 0 0 0 0-8
Danville.....0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-0

Batteries: Richmond—Cassidy and Hinton. Danville—Howard and O'Connor. Umpire—Mr. Truhy.

ROANOKE THE WINNER.

Downs Fast Lynchburg Club by the Score of 11 to 0.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Lynchburg, Va., April 18.—Roanoke began the season auspiciously here this afternoon by winning from the champion Lynchburgers in a well-played and interesting game by 11 to 0.

Both teams hit the ball fairly hard, but the winners turned the trick at more opportune times. Score:

R.H.E.
Lynchburg.....2 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 0-0
Roanoke.....5 3 0 0 2 1 0 0 0-11

Batteries: Lynchburg—Stewart, Flowers, and Fultz. Roanoke—Vernon and Cote. Umpire—Mr. Stanton.

NORFOLK GETS FIRST GAME.

Portsmouth Turns Errors and Poor Batting Cause Defeat.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Norfolk, Va., April 18.—Before a record crowd the home team took the first game of the league season to-day from Portsmouth by 5 to 2. Wild pitches by Matney and timely hits, coupled with errors by the visitors, were responsible for Norfolk's victory. Score:

R.H.E.
Norfolk.....0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-5
Portsmouth.....1 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0-2

Batteries: Norfolk, Loebe and Burns; Portsmouth, Matney, Cummings, and Evans.

GERMAN BAPTISTS ADJOURN.

Middle District of Maryland Conference Elects Officers.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Hagerstown, Md., April 18.—After being in session for two days, the annual conference of the Middle District of Maryland, German Baptist Brethren Church, held at Johnsstown, Va., adjourned this evening to meet one year hence at the Manor Church, Washington County, Md.

The new officers of the conference are: President, Daniel M. Zuck, Hagerstown, Pa.; assistant moderator, W. S. Reichard, Hagerstown; reading secretary, John Rowland, Broad Ford; writing secretary, John Otto, Sharpsburg; Benjamin E. Fultz, Mapleville, was elected a trustee of the Old Folks Home for three years; Caleb Long, Bonhomie, member of the home mission board for five years; Harvey J. Martin, State Line, Sunday school secretary; Joseph L. Thomas, Fairplay, district treasurer; Elder D. Victor Long, conference delegate to the general conference at Los Angeles, Cal.

WEDDINGS IN VIRGINIA.

Miss Martha Boswell Married to Mr. Joseph M. Wiley.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Fredericksburg, Va., April 18.—The marriage of Miss Martha Boswell, daughter of the late Charles Hay Boswell, to Joseph M. Wiley, of Charlottesville, Va., took place yesterday at the residence of the bride's mother, near Orange Courthouse. Her only sister, Mrs. W. C. Galtner, was one of the bridesmaids. George B. Goetz, of Charlottesville, Va., was best man. The ceremony was performed by Rev. John T. Hansbrough, of St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, of Orange. After an extended bridal tour the couple will reside at Winchester, Va.

Fiery-Denton.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Winchester, Va., April 18.—Roger B. Fiery and Miss Anne G. Denton, of Harrisonburg, came to Winchester last night and were married at the United Brethren parsonage by Rev. S. E. Wino. Mr. Fiery is connected with the Kavanaugh Hotel and the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Denton.

Purcell-Hicks.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Fredericksburg, Va., April 18.—Mrs. Richard Hicks was married to Alexander Purcell last night. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. Aubrey Williams, of the Baptist Church.

Marriage Kept Secret.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Cumberland, April 18.—Bernard Blough, cashier of the United States Express Company at Cumberland, and Miss Catharine Margaret Hildebrandt were married on March 18 last, at the parsonage residence, SS. Peter and Paul's Church, by Rev. Father Peter, but so well did the young couple guard their secret that the fact that they were married only became known yesterday.

Married at Rockville.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Rockville, Md., April 18.—Charles Bailey Coleman and Mrs. Ella Horton, both of Mineral, Va., visited Rockville to-day and were married by Rev. Thomas H. Campbell, pastor of the Baptist church. The young man gave his age as twenty-one and that of the bride as twenty-nine. They were unaccompanied and left for Washington immediately after the ceremony.

Fire Threatens Hospital.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Winchester, Va., April 18.—The Winchester Memorial Hospital was threatened by fire to-day, which broke out in the kitchen. Prompt action by the attendants soon put out the blaze, and many of the patients did not know of the fire until it was all over. The loss was \$300.

Bond Issue Sold.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Fredericksburg, Va., April 18.—The \$25,000 bond issue, voted by the citizens of Frederick district of Orange County, was sold yesterday for the Citizens' National Bank, of Orange, for \$25,167. The bond issue was for road improvement.

MURDERER GOES INSANE.

Lunacy Commission to Be Asked for Condemned Man.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Cumberland, Md., April 18.—Joseph Francesco, condemned to death for the murder of a fellow-countryman, Antonio Dominico, with an ax, for the money of the victim, near Elk Lick mine, below Meyersdale, is believed to be insane.

It has been necessary to fasten the man in a strait-jacket. He snaps and snarls like a dog, and his eyes have the glare of a wild beast. The court officials are convinced that the man has lost his reason, and a lunacy commission will be asked.

POISON DOSE PROVES FATAL.

Young Bride Ends Life, Alleging Husband ill-treated Her.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Frederick, Md., April 18.—Mrs. Mary Heiser, wife of Raymond Heiser, died at the Frederick City Hospital last night from exhaustion, due to the effects of bi-chemical of mercury tablets taken by her several weeks ago, with suicidal intent, because of alleged abuse by her husband, who has since disappeared.

She was seventeen years old, and was married to Heiser last November.

WARFIELD IS GIVEN VERDICT

Former Postmaster of Baltimore Defeats Government in Court.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Baltimore, April 18.—A sealed verdict in favor of S. Davies Warfield, former postmaster, was returned by a jury before Judge Morris in the United States Court to-day in the case of the United States government against Mr. Warfield. The government sought to recover \$5,742.39, which was paid to John W. Pettit several years ago.

The suit was for money paid John W. Pettit by authority of the Post-office Department at Washington, with the understanding that he was to perform service for that department, which arrangement was shown by the testimony to be a custom of the department. The postmaster contended that if Pettit did not perform service the responsibility rested on the department at Washington.

The suit has been going on in the United States Court for the last three years, coming up at different times under different forms. Last October Judge Morris handed down an opinion in the case, setting forth that if Pettit was the Postmaster General or Central or any other superior of Mr. Warfield, the latter could not be held responsible. It was testified that Pettit was appointed by a superior officer of the postmaster. Pettit was appointed on July 14, 1898, at a salary of \$600, later receiving \$1,500 a year.

United States District Attorney John C. Rose said this afternoon that he would recommend to the Department of Justice that the case be appealed by the government.

In regard to this appeal, Mr. Warfield said that he did not care what further procedure might be taken, as the question of good faith and his moral responsibility was settled by his entire satisfaction by the two cases decided in his favor by Judge Morris and the verdict of the jury just rendered.

MASKED MEN ATTACK WOMAN.

Posse in Pursuit Expected to Lynch Culprits When Caught.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Beltsville, Tenn., April 18.—A special to the Herald-Courier from Kingsport, in this county, says:

"Mrs. Frank Belcher, wife of a prominent citizen of this place, was attacked at an early hour this morning by masked white men. Two unknown men entered the room in which she and her husband were sleeping shortly after midnight, and with drawn revolvers, compelled the husband to get out of bed and be tied and bound. He was placed in one corner of the room and the other ordered to lie still on penalty of his life."

"Mrs. Belcher was choked and badly beaten, while her husband was beaten over the head with a revolver."

"The matter was reported to an early hour this morning, and a posse formed. The posse went in pursuit of the criminals, and a double lynching is expected. The men are said to have worn tight-fitting masks. Mrs. Belcher says she can identify them."

Miss Davis Charges Conspiracy.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Staunton, Va., April 18.—Miss Ethel Davis, of Lawrenceville, who claims that she has been unjustly shunted from any asylum to another by her family, who she alleges is after her money, is now before a commission in lunacy, which is to decide upon her case. The commission consists of Judge Henry W. Holt and Drs. H. H. Honkel and J. B. Catlett, of this city. Miss Davis claims that she is sane, and that her brother, Frank Davis, has placed her in the various asylums, in Richmond, Charlottesville, Baltimore, Staunton, and other cities, with a view to securing a large sum of money, which she came into possession of some years ago by the death of a relative.

Lumber Dealer Drops Dead.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Cumberland, Md., April 18.—H. A. Verrier, a lumber dealer of Somerset, dropped dead at Hyndman, fourteen miles northwest of Cumberland, yesterday, while witnessing the destruction of the plant of the Junata Lumber Company by fire. He was thirty years of age. Death was attributed to heart failure. He is survived by his wife and two children.

Opera House to Be Improved.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Frederick, Md., April 18.—At a special meeting of the board of aldermen last night, S. A. Westenhaven, of Martinsburg, W. Va., was awarded the contract for remodeling the City Opera House. The contract price was \$10,963. The improvement is to be completed by September next.

Frederick Elks Entertain.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Frederick, Md., April 18.—The Elks lodge, B. P. O. Elks, No. 654, had as its guests last night District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph A. Burkart, of Washington, D. C.; Thomas McNulty, of Baltimore, and a number of Elks from Hagerstown.

Largest Morning Circulation.

All advertising contracts made by The Washington Herald are based upon its sworn circulation—a circulation in Washington larger by thousands than was ever before attained by any morning newspaper in the Capital. Its books are open.

NEWS OF ALEXANDRIA

Negro Murderer Will Be Ret-sentenced to Death.

JOHN T. SWEENEY'S FUNERAL

Members of City Council and Other Officials Attend Services at St. Mary's Catholic Church—Finance Committee to Report Favorably on Police Petition for Increase in Pay.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Alexandria, Va., April 18.—John Wright, colored, who was convicted in Alexandria County November 30 last and sentenced to death, but who was granted a stay of execution by the State Court of Appeals, will be resentenced to-morrow by Judge Louis C. Bailey in the Alexandria County Circuit Court, the appellate tribunal having denied petitions for a new trial. The prisoner, however, continues hopeful of escaping the gallows. In this he is supported by Attorney James E. Clements, who has made active efforts to save the negro's life. Mr. Clements states that he has by no means abandoned hope of being able to prevent Wright's execution. He asserts the conviction that the condemned man is innocent. What measure the attorney has in view in behalf of his client has not been disclosed. It is stated that at this stage the only recourse with a view of securing a new trial is an application to the United States Supreme Court. Apart from this the only possibility of saving the man's life is said to be in a petition to the governor for a commutation of the sentence.

President Sweeney's Funeral.

Funeral services over the remains of John T. Sweeney, whose death occurred Tuesday morning, were held this morning at 9:30 o'clock in St. Mary's Catholic Church, and were attended by the members of the city council in a body, other city officials, and many friends and relatives of the deceased. Rev. Father Patrick, of Warrenton, officiated, and was assisted by Rev. Father Kelly, assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church. During the funeral the bell in the city hall was tolled. The pallbearers were William H. Sweeney, George L. Simpson, Hubert Snowden, M. B. Harlow, John T. Johnson, John McKenna, C. J. W. Summers, and E. E. Downham. Representatives of several organizations of which the deceased was a member attended the funeral.

Favor Increase for Police.

At a joint meeting of the city council committees on finance and police, held this evening, it was decided to make a favorable report on the petition of the members of the Police Force for an increase in salary. It is stated that the committee will recommend a general increase of \$5 per month for each member. The report will be submitted at the next regular meeting of the council, on April 23, when action is expected to be taken. The matter has been in the hands of the joint committee for several weeks.

Stockholders Elect Officers.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Equitable Purchasing Company, of Washington, held in the office of Attorney Gardner L. Bothe, on South Fairfax street, last evening, the following directors were elected: H. J. Young, J. H. Robinson, Charles S. King, George J. Livingston, George L. Diven, Ernest W. Emory, T. T. Moore, H. E. Taff, and W. H. Magruder. W. H. Young was elected president; J. H. Robinson, vice president; Charles S. King, treasurer; and George S. Livingston, secretary.

The Seventh Virginia Regiment Chapter.

United Daughters of the Confederacy, the oldest of the following officers for the ensuing year: Mrs. George L. Simpson, president; Mrs. William Ogden, first vice president; Mrs. C. M. Shepperson, second vice president; Mrs. George E. Warfield, secretary; Mrs. Walter McCaffrey, corresponding secretary; Miss Louise Smoot, treasurer; Mrs. Pauline Jones, historian, and Miss Beale Green, registrar.

A Lunacy Commission, consisting of Dr. Samuel B. Moore, Dr. Martin D. Delaney, and Justice of the Peace Julius Pelton, today made an examination of Charles Lloyd, a boy who was recently sent to jail on a charge of larceny, and found him to be of unsound mind. He will be placed in a State asylum.

JACK MASON HELD FOR FRAUD.

Baltimore Society Man and Wife Arrested in London, England.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Baltimore, April 18.—Advices received here to-day from London, England, state that John Archibald Campbell Mason, familiarly known as "Jack" Mason, and his wife, were arraigned in the Bow Street Police Court to-day for extradition on the charge of obtaining money and goods under false pretenses at Florence, Italy. About \$2,000 of the money involved was obtained on checks, payment of which was refused. Counsel for the defendants said it was a case of misunderstanding. Mr. Mason's family in America having failed to pay in money to his account. The case was remanded.

"Jack" Mason and his wife, who was a Chicago girl, have lived away from Baltimore for several years. Mr. Mason is prominently connected, and is related to some of the leading families in this city. He spent most of his time here until the '90's, and was actively identified with fashionable club life and the "hunting set." He inherited some money, but was never wealthy. His tastes were mostly in the direction of clothes and horses, and he was never considered a business man.

He was about seven or eight years ago, and later brought his bride here to live. They participated in the diversions of the most fashionable clique in society. The couple have no children.

RICH ONYX FIND REPORTED.

Deposit Said to Have Been Located in Maryland.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Hagerstown, Md., April 18.—What is claimed to be a rich find of onyx is reported from South Mountain, near Smithsburg, this county, and capitalists are interested to the extent that developments will be commenced at once. The onyx is said to be of the finest quality, and the deposit about twenty feet thick and one hundred or more feet long. Samples of the stone have been sent to the Smithsonian Institution, in Washington, for inspection, and have been pronounced of fine quality.

YOUNG COUPLE DIE TOGETHER

Thwarted in Attempt to Elope, They Seek Death.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Staunton, Va., April 18.—Mabel Pendleton and Stuart Gay, of Clifton Forge, bound for Washington to be married, were intercepted here at midnight by order of their parents and sent back home on an early train.

When they arrived at Clifton Forge the young couple, while crossing a foot bridge over Jackson River, jumped into the river, forty feet below, and were drowned.

The last report says the bodies have not been recovered.

The girl was only eighteen years old; the boy sixteen. He was a son of C. S. Gay, a Chesapeake and Ohio conductor.

DAILY COURT RECORD.

(Thursday, April 18, 1907.)

Supreme Court of the United States.

Present: The Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Harlan, Mr. Justice Brewer, Mr. Justice White, Mr. Justice Holmes, Mr. Justice Day, Mr. Justice McKenna, Mr. Justice Brandeis, Mr. Justice Clegg, Mr. Justice Glavin, Mr. Justice Ladd, Mr. Justice Quinn, Mr. Justice Tamm, Mr. Justice Taft, Mr. Justice Thayer, Mr. Justice Van Dusen, Mr. Justice Wainwright, Mr. Justice Wood, Mr. Justice Wright, Mr. Justice Zerk.

No. 234. *Administrative and Bates vs. Hornstein Company, Attorneys, Wilson & Harty-Tobin, Wolf & Rogers.*

No. 235. *Thompson vs. Thompson et al. Attorneys, Lauer & Smith—Carrington.*

No. 236. *Hargrave vs. Hargrave. Attorneys, Telford & Taylor.*

No. 237. *Schubert vs. Schubert et al. Attorneys, Carrington-Thompson & Ladd.*

No. 238. *Fleming vs. Fleming et al. Attorneys, Padgett & Forrest-Syme.*

No. 239. *Wells vs. Wells. Attorneys, Turner, Pottinger & Co.*

No. 240. *Radford vs. Radford et al. Attorneys, Pennington-Radford, Campbell, Birney.*

No. 241. *Gaige vs. Farr et al. Attorneys, Key-Smith-Lightfoot.*

No. 242. *Miller vs. Brown. Attorneys, Chapin Brown-Bannan.*

No. 243. *Baldert vs. Cadick. Attorneys, Archer-Colden & Fenning.*

No. 244. *Doolittle vs. Martin. Attorneys, Children & Fenning.*

Circuit Court No. 1.

JUSTICE WRIGHT.

Elcott vs. New York Continental Jewell Fibration Company; leave granted to the attorneys.

Tucker & Kenyon, P. D. Blackstone, and B. S. Huddeker; defendant's attorneys, James H. Hayden.

Landvoigt vs. Paul; motion for new trial filed.

Plaintiff's attorney, James H. Hayden, and defendant's attorneys, A. A. Birney and C. L. Frailer.

Motion for today.

No. 1. *Miller vs. Potomac Laundry Company. Attorneys, Prentiss & Williams-Mather & Hendler.*

No. 2. *Union Trust Company. Attorneys, Leckie, Fulton & Cox-Arthur Peter.*

No. 3. *Slater vs. Taylor. Attorneys, L. A. Bailey-John E. Taylor.*

No. 4. *Flaherty, administrator, vs. Flaherty. Attorneys, L. A. Bailey-W. G. Johnson.*

No. 5. *Minnit vs. Fonda et al. Attorneys, J. A. McDaniel-Hallam & Hallam.*

No. 6. *McFadden vs. Bond. Attorneys, C. E. Emig-R. E. Leighton.*

No. 7. *Smith vs. Miller and Lumber Company vs. Riley. Attorneys, Berry & Minor-Douglas & Douglas.*

No. 8. *Barlett vs. Pennsylvania Railroad Company et al. Attorneys, W. H. H. Hart-McKenny & Flannery.*

No. 9. *Hart vs. Pennsylvania Railroad Company et al. Attorneys, W. H. H. Hart-McKenny & Flannery.*

No. 10. *Willard vs. Bullinger. Attorneys, Sullivan & Neumeyer—E. L. Gies.*

Circuit Court No. 2.

JUSTICE ANDERSON.

Wylie, Harter & Camp Company, Attorneys; judgment for plaintiff for \$3,815.45. Plaintiff's attorneys, G. M. Brady and D. W. Baker; defendant's attorneys, Douglas & Douglas.

Catholic University of America vs. Wagonman; on trial. Plaintiff's attorneys, Hamilton, Colbert & Hamilton; defendant's attorneys, W. P. Mattingly, J. J. Darlington, and Arthur Peter.

Motion for today.

No. 1. *Scott vs. Herrell. Attorneys, Rolter & Stralinger-Williamson & Williams.*

No. 2. *Union Trust Company vs. District of Columbia. Attorneys, George E. Hamilton—E. H. Thomas.*

No. 3. *Smith vs. Tribler. Attorneys, Gardner & Howey—Byrd & Brown.*

No. 4. *Hardy vs. Sergeant. Attorneys, J. B. Archer—W. H. Rhodes.*

No. 5. *Fuller vs. District of Columbia. Attorneys, E. S. Duvall, Jr.—E. H. Thomas.*

No. 6. *Wariwick vs. Gloran. Attorneys, J. A. Emig—E. L. Gies.*

No. 7. *Madison vs. Murray. Attorneys, R. B. Plank—W. H. Rhodes.*

No. 8. *Hunt vs. Masters. Attorneys, Thomas F. Haddon—E. L. Gies.*

No. 9. *McDonald vs. Noonan. Attorneys, Leckie, Fulton & Cox-Arthur Peter.*

No. 10. *Farran vs. District of Columbia. Attorneys, J. J. Darlington and W. H. Rhodes—E. H. Thomas and R. B. Plank.*

Equity Court No. 2.

JUSTICE GOULD.

Murphy vs. Davis; trustees authorized to pay one week's salary to the plaintiff's attorneys, H. Ross Terry & Son; defendant's attorney, H. E. Davis.

Snow vs. Snow; guardian ad litem appointed; and Crandall Mackey appointed receiver; bond, \$1,000.

Johnson vs. Frowd; auditor's report confirmed; complainant's solicitor, H. B. Moulton; defendant's solicitor, J. I. Peyer.

Allen vs. Webb; guardian ad litem appointed; complainant's solicitor, Crandall Mackey.

PASTOR DROPS DEAD

Rev. W. G. Herbert Expires After Eating Oysters.

PTOMACHINE POISON BLAMED

Family of Preacher at the Caroline Street M. E. Church, Baltimore, Made Ill After Partaking of Bivalves at Dinner—Minister Passes Away Before Medical Aid Arrives.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Baltimore, Md., April 18.—Rev. W. G. Herbert, one of the best-known Methodist Episcopal clergymen in Maryland, died suddenly of ptomaine poisoning, and his family was made ill by eating oysters, at a marriage of Caroline Street Church to-day. The family had oysters for dinner, and two hours after the meal Rev. Mr. Herbert was dead.

A few minutes before his death Rev. Mr. Herbert and his wife were in the parlor of the parsonage, taking some pictures from the walls. Suddenly Mr. Herbert put his hands to his chest and complained of feeling ill. He was given a spoonful of peppermint, and the extract some what relieved him. His wife and his daughter, Mrs. Etta Langrall, assisted him to his room on the second floor, where he sat down on the side of the bed. A minute or two later he fell forward on his face to the floor. His wife and daughter hurried to his aid, and the dying minister was gently rolled to his back, and a gasp or two denoted that life was departing. He died peacefully and without any struggle whatever.